

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Thought you might find the attached interesting.

I sent Dick a copy of the A-12/SR-71 paper Kelly presented, along with a copy of Les's letter to Kelly outlining constraints on its contents.

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*Jim -
Thanks
Bill*

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Dear Jim:

Many thanks for sending me a copy of Kelly's paper and of your correspondence with him and also the copies of two Aviation Week articles. I have read the former with a great deal of interest and learned more than I probably ever knew about the A-12. I also enjoyed Bill Brown's article that Kelly includes in his paper. I think it is fair to say that that program we started in the late '50s was at least a technical success, although I have the impression that little use has been made of the aircraft.

So far I have received no inquiries as a result of Kelly's talk, but they may materialize in due time. I am grateful to have been alerted and informed by you. It is a long time since I have been to Washington, but I imagine I will get there some time in the next few months. If so, I would like very much to see you and catch up with what you are doing.

Warmest regards,

Yours,

Richard M. Bissell, jr.

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